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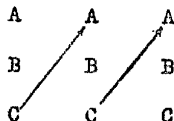
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- Two Communist propaganda agents and organizers detected among the crew of a Nationalist naval vessel stated that they had joined the Communist Party in Shanghai slightly over a year ago. They were formerly members of the Chinese Merchant Marine and became Communists as a result of strikes and labor disputes taking place in Shanghai at that time. The prisoners stated that the unsettled labor conditions in Shanghai caused many persons to turn to Communism, which at least promised better working conditions and steady employment. The prisoners had no difficulty joining the Chinese Navy in view of their experience as engineers in the Merchant Marine.
- After joining the Communist Party the men were given an intensive three-month indoctrination course. Their mission was to join the Chinese Navy, to spread Communist thinking, and to incite defection among Navy personnel. The indoctrination consisted of a reading course on Communist doctrines from a text especially prepared for the purpose. During the indoctrination period the men were organized into cells of three and instructed to observe each other's activities. If any member of a cell was caught reading literature of non-Communist origin he was severely punished.
- The prisoners described the following system of cells which existed during their tour of duty with the Chinese Navy.



"A" in each unit is considered the chief of the unit. "C" has close liaison with the chief of the next unit and is responsible to report to his own chief any malfeasance on the latter's part. In this way, the prisoners pointed out, almost perfect discipline and control is achieved. Unit members are expected to work independently but always under the watchful eyes of other members.

- Discipline within the Communist cells is stringent and remorseless. One major concept is drilled into the mind of each member: if captured he

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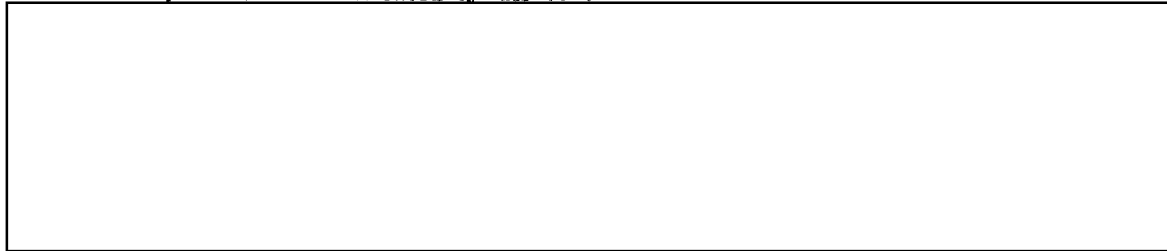


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must not confess for at least twenty-four hours, regardless of tortures used. This period provides other members known to the captive an opportunity to escape. If the torture and grilling continue, after twenty-four hours have elapsed, the prisoner may reveal all he knows. If he should return to Communist control he is rewarded for his ability to hold out for the required period. On the other hand, if the prisoner talks too soon, he is later executed by the C.P.

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